This configuration is completely in contrast to the claimed invention in which an axial advancing support is provided for the hollow shaft which comprises at least elastic element which is stationery relative to a spindle shaft and loaded axially by the advancing support.

Further, Applicant notes that the Petrak device is a <u>tool</u> for tensioning a parking brake and thus does not show a setting device as set forth in the pending claims. For this additional reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully request the opportunity to discuss the configuration of Petrak with respect to the claimed invention with the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests the opportunity to hold a telephone interview in connection with this matter. Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance or Appeal if the rejection continues.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejection claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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